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SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that the grant given to the Backward Class and Scheduled Caste orphans staying in the orphanage is Rs. 15 whereas the grant given to orphans belonging to the other classes is only Rs. 8, with the result it is not possible to maintain the orphanages, and an allowance for oil bath (for oil, soapnut powder, soap and other things) is disallowed by the auditor who is asked to go into the accounts even though these are permissible items? Will the Government think of increasing the grant to them as per their request?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: All these matters are under consideration, and I may inform the hon. Member that it is not our intention that the orphanages should be run exclusively by Government grant alone but that private charities also should give aid. Anyhow the whole matter will be considered.

Bus accident.

* 52 *S.N.Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons belonging to this State who met with death recently due to a bus accident in the Anantapur district (Andhra State); and

(*b*) the steps taken, if any, to secure compensation for the families of the victims?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: (*a*) Thirteen persons.

(*b*) Action can be taken up only after the disposal of case against the driver of the vehicle.

MR. SPEAKER: As the hon. Members who gave notice of the questions, namely, Sri P. S. Chinnadurai and Sri A. Govindasamy, are not in their seats, the questions together with the answers thereto will be printed in the official proceedings.

Prime Minister's visit

* 644 *Q.*—SRI P. S. CHINNADURAI: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the expenditure incurred by the State Government in connexion with the visit of the Prime Minister of India to this State in December 1957?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: A total expenditure of Rs. 1,48,231-28 nP. was incurred by this Government in connexion with the Prime Minister's visit to this State in December, 1957.

* 645 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the strength of the Police Forces drawn from other States for bandobust duties when the Prime Minister visited Madras on 6th January 1958; and

(*b*) of these, how many from the Andhra and the Kerala States?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) & (*b*) It is regretted that the Government have to decline answering the question in public interest.